

SEDV 619: ENVIRONMENTAL LAW IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

General legal concepts, administrative law, aspects and sources of environmental law, environmental decision making, international agreements and treaties, and model legislation.

Instructor:

TBD

Course Objective:

This course will examine the Canadian environmental legal framework in the context of energy development. The course content will include both a theoretical framework and applied cases. By the end of the course students will become aware of Canadian provincial and federal environment laws and policies, and be able to analyse environmental issues in the context of provincial and federal legislation, regulations, and case law.

Topics Covered (Selected):

- Basic concepts of law, legal systems, public and private law, environmental law
- Environmental responsibilities
- Environmental rights
- International context of environmental laws and policies
- Civil liability
- Environmental regulations and approvals
- Compliance and administrative enforcement
- Offences, prosecution and penalties
- Corporate environmental obligations and directors' and officers' liability
- Environmental evaluation
- Remediation and reclamation
- Environmental assessment and public participation
- Toxic substances
- Legal protection of spaces and species
- Consultation, alternative dispute resolution and voluntary measures
- Economic instruments
- Environmental reporting and information sources
- Climate change